

May 9, 1778, he deeded land in East Hampton to his son Isaac, and in 1795, another parcel to his son Willard.

"Many personal anecdotes are related of him. He was a man of large frame, tall and muscular, with a mind fitted for the body it inhabited, filled with a spirit of enterprise, and reckless of danger. After the war of the Revolution broke out, he equipped a vessel which he commanded himself, and which preyed on the British convoys. His vessel was captured by a British ship, and he with one of his men, were made prisoners and confined on board. From what he heard and saw, he suspected that preparations were making for their summary execution in the morning. He expressed his suspicions to his man, and prepared to escape and swim ashore. His man thought the attempt ~~dangerous~~, desperate, but Sears replied, 'I would rather trust my neck in the water than the rope.' About midnight they eluded the sleepy guard, and let themselves down into the water, but were soon discovered, and fired upon from the ship. Sears reached the shore, but his man gave out. He took a boat, went out and picked him up, and both escaped in safety. Nothing daunted by his hair-breadth escape, he went to work immediately to fit out another vessel. After the war he became actively engaged in mechanical and agricultural pursuits." (Sears Gen.)

He died of apoplexy on Sunday morning, Nov. 24, 1816, aged 83 years.

He was greatly beloved, and his funeral was largely attended, his body being borne to the grave on a bier carried by four of his old neighbors.

In his Will he devised to his children some \$15000.

His house stood till 1848, when it was taken down.

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199. JOSHUA⁵ SEARS, (Joshua⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Harwich, Mass., Feb. 14, 1735-36; d. Sandisfield, Mass.; m. there, Nov. 28, 1760, Sarah Blackmore of Newburyport, Mass., she b. 1744; d. Sand., Aug. 21, 1824, ae. 80 yrs.

Children in Sandisfield:

531. 1. Rhoda, b. Oct. 1, 1761; d. Nov. 19, 1761.

*532. 2. DAVID, b. Oct. 2, 1762.

533. 3. Caleb, b. Nov. 4, 1764; d. young; he served in Capt. Jeremiah Hickok's Co., Lt. Col. Sears' Reg., Aug. 6, 1781, 3 mos. 7 days, 12 pounds bounty.

*534. 4. JOSHUA, b. Nov. 7, 1766.

*535. 5. DANIEL, b. Feb. 2, 1769.

536. 6. Amos, b. Jan. 12, 1771; d. Dec. 25, 1861, in his 91st yr.; m. Susanna Daland, who d. Oct. 11, 1828, ae. 44 yrs.; and 2d., Betsy Daland, who d. Dec. 23, 1866, ae. 74 yrs., in a fit.

537. 7. Sarah, b. Apr. 1, 1774.

538. 8. Mary, b. Oct. 3, 1776.

*539. 9. JOSEPH. b. 1778.

Joshua Sears removed with his parents to Middletown, Conn., in 1746, and later to Sandisfield, Mass., where he was one of the first settlers.

"He enlisted in the old French war, and joined the expedition under Abercrombie, against Ticonderoga and Crown Point, then in possession of the French under Montcalm. Abercrombie without waiting for his artillery, made a brave but imprudent assault upon the fortress of the former place.

The result was disastrous. His troops were mowed down in ranks before the guns of the fort. Sears used to describe the horrors of the carnage, and his own wonderful preservation. 'Three times we were marched up in front of those guns, and each time, the men on my right and on my left were cut down, and I was left standing alone.' The hardships of the campaign were great, but he survived them, and returned to Sandisfield, but died in middle life in consequence of them." (Sears Gen.)

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201. PAUL⁵ SEARS, (Joshua⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹), b. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 18, 1740; (Nov. 7, 1739, Fam. Rec.) d. Sandisfield, Mass., Aug. 19, 1832; m. Elizabeth Slawter of Simsbury, Conn., who d. July 18, 1800; and 2d., Mrs. Lydia (Lyon) Knight, she b. 1754; d. Mar. 28, 1850, ae. 96 yrs.

Children in Sandisfield:

by Elizabeth,

540. 1. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 16, 1763.

541. 2. Nancy, b. Nov. 12, 1766; m. ----- Handy.

*542. 3. PAUL, b. Feb. 2, 1769.

543. 4. Huldah, b. Oct. 22, 1773.

*544. 5. SIMEON, b. Oct. 7, 1776.

545. 6. John, b. Nov. 9, 1779.

546. 7. Esther, b. June 23, 1782; m. ----- Hawley.

Paul Sears removed with his parents to Middletown, Conn., and was one of the first settlers of Sandisfield, Mass.

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Capt.
202. SIMEON⁵ SEARS, (Joshua⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹), b. Harwich, Mass.,

Jan. 14, 1742; m. -----

Children:

*547. 1. SIMEON.

548. 2. Elisha, removed to Bennington, Vt., "left a large family, mostly sons, some of whom are said to have removed to Boston, and became wealthy." Doubtful.

549. 3. Daniel, "went to Canada."

*550. 4. JOSEPH.

551. 5. Rhoda, b. Bennington, Vt., 1776; m. Pawlet, Vt., Ephraim Fitch of Pawlet, and d. 1854.

Children, Fitch:

1. Nancy, m. Dr. James Willard of Pawlet, who d. 1858; she d. in New York State, in 1864.

2. Ferris, m. Sally Porter, and lived in Fremont, O.

3. Catharine, d. young.

4. Catharine.

5. George, d. unmd.

6. Moses Porter, b. Pawlet, 1811; m. Granville, N.Y., June 16, 1840, Chloe Atwater Cooke, a descendant of Francis Cooke, "The Pilgrim," and d. in Traverse City, Mich., Dec. 2, 1883.

Children, Fitch:

1. Martha, b. Sept. 10, 1841; m. Laramie City, Wyoming, Apr. 19, 1872, Albert J. Barry, and was divorced in 1882.

2. Mary Chloe, b. Oct. 17, 1843; m. Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2, 1872, Charles M. Smith, he b. Providence, R.I.; res. Longwood, Mass.

552. 6. Laura, m. Capt. William Curtis of Avon, N.Y.

553. 7. Betsy.

554. 8. Mary, m. ----- Gregory.

Child, Gregory:

1. Daughter, m. Jacob Edgerton of Rutland, Vt.

Sandisfield, Mass. and others
Simeon Sears removed to Bennington, Vt., (then in N.Y.,) where his name appears in the list of original members at the organization of the First Church, Dec. 3, 1762. He perhaps returned to Sandisfield, where he signed a deed to his bro. Elkanah in Oct. 1765.

Oct. 20, 1773, in a deed to Elkanah, he calls himself of Rheuport, (Rupert,) Vt., and his name is found there in the town records, Dec. 12, 1768.

Dec. 24, 1773, he gives his residence as Suffield, Hartford co., Conn.

Oct. 17, 1780, he hails from Bennington, N.Y., now Vermont.

He bought a section of land in Northern Vermont, with the intention of removing, but died before carrying out his purpose.

He served in Capt. (afterwards Col.) Robinson's Co., at the battle of Bennington, Aug. 16, 1777.

Capt. Simeon Sears was appointed Vendue master at a sale of "plunder" held at Battenkill, N.Y., Oct. 18, 1777, and bid in a sword for \$3.18.0.

Where the plunder was obtained is not clear; there was a large amount of dry goods, watches, knives and clothing, which sold for \$298. 1. 6.

Simeon Sears of Waterbury, served in Col. Canfield's Reg., at West Point, Sept. 1781.

His sons, Simeon and Elisha, were large dealers in horses, buying colts in Canada, keeping them in Vermont till maturity, and then shipping them to the West Indies.

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209. Lt. MICAJAH⁵ SEARS, (Daniel⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Apr. 25, 1738; d. Feb. 1823; m. int. Yar., Jan. 6, 1759, Anna Crowell, of Windham, Conn., who d. May 26, 1785, in her 47th yr., gr-st., West Brewster; and 2d., Harwich, Mass., Dec. 6, 1785, Huldah (Clark) Bangs, dau. of Seth & Huldah (Doane) Clark, she b. Mar. 8, 1738; d. 1828. (*She m. 1st, Jolly Clark, and 2d, Edward Bangs*)

Children in Yarmouth:

by Anna,

555. 1. Lavinia, b. Nov. 26, 1760; m. Yar., Feb. 23, 1779, Zachary Howes, son of Joseph & Ann (Vincent) H., he b. May 23, 1753; rem. to Ashfield, Mass.; (he m. 2d., Sarah Cranston.)
Children, Howes:
1. Joseph, b. Aug. 17, 1780; d. Jan. 30, 1857, m. Nov. 16, 1808, Elizabeth Sears; res. Hawley, Mass.
2. Micajah, b. Mar. 6, 1782; d. May 9, 1857; m. Feb. 23, 1806, Roxanna Cranston.
3. Anna, b. Jan. 16, 1785; d. Aug. 12, 1801.
4. Nathan, b. Oct. 28, 1786; m. Dec. 2, 1813, Nabby Phillips.
5. Huldah, b. May 8, 1789; m. June 11, 1812, Lemuel Phillips, and 2d., ----- Purington.
6. Zachariah, b. Dec. 1793; d. Sept. 27, 1837.
7. Ezra, b. Apr. 14, 1796; m. May 8, 1822, Lydia Spalding, and 2d., Dec. 27, 1837, Lois Warrenner.
8. Polly, b. Aug. 27, 1798; d. Mar. 18, 1808.
9. Anna, b. July 23, 1801; m. Jan. 19, 1832, Francis Ranney.

556. 2. Kezia, b. May 1, 1762; d. June 4, 1762.

557. 3. Molly, b. Sept. 27, 1763; m. Nov. 14, 1787, Amaziah Tobey of Conway.

558. 4. Nathan, b. June 24, 1766; d. at sea, *Sept. 24, 1796.*

559. 5. Ann, b. June 27, 1773; *Sept. 24, 1796.*

*560. 6. HENRY, b. Aug. 8, 1775. *Sept. 24, 1796.*

Micajah Sears was a Lieut. in the Militia, and for twenty-five years prominent in church and town affairs, holding numerous offices, he was Rep. in 1794-95, and 1798. He was a Lt. in Capt. Micah Chapman's Co., which marched towards Marshfield, at the time of the Lexington battle, 2 days service, and 14 miles travel; and in Capt. Elisha Hedge's Co., Sept. 1777;

and in Capt. Micah Hedge's Co., at alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 6, 1778; 13 days service.

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212. DANIEL⁵ SEARS, (Daniel⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., June 17, 1744; d. Sept. 25, (23 T.C.) 1776, in his 31st yr., gr-st., West Brewster; m. Yar., Dec. 3, 1767, Priscilla Sears, dau. of Dea. John & Deborah (Crowell) S., she b. Apr. 5, 1749; d. Mar. 11, 1777, ae. 28 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

561. 1. Kezia, b. Oct. 25, 1769; d. July 29, 1787, ae. 18 yrs., gr-st., W.Br.

562. 2. Rhoda, b. May 1, 1771.

563. 3. Dinah, b. July 25, 1773; m. Yar., June 27, 1793, Nehemiah Howes, son of William & Mary (Howes) H., he b. Jan. 6, 1770; rem. to Me. Children, Howes:

1. Prince, b. Feb. 10, 1794.
2. Daniel, b. Nov. 27, 1795.
3. Peter, b. Apr. 17, 1798; d. young.
4. Thankful, b. Dec. 19, 1799.
5. Nehemiah, b. Dec. 9, 1801.
6. Peter, b. Sept. 23, 1804.
7. Mary Burr, b. Oct. 18, 1807.
8. Mercy Sears, b. Jan. 23, 1810.

564. 4. Priscilla, b. Feb. 27, 1775; d. Hawley, Mass., Nov. 1802, ae. 28 yrs.; m. Ashfield, Mass., about 1793, Rufus Sears. She was early left an orphan, and was brought up in the family of her uncle, Paul Sears of Ashfield.

565. 5. Mercy, b. Feb. 17, 1777; d. June 9, 1855.

The Inventory of Daniel Sears was filed Mar. 21, 1777. The last four children are mentioned in the Will of their grand-father, Dea. John Sears, Mar. 10, 1789.

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214. Capt. PAUL⁵ SEARS, (Daniel⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., June 2, (720) 1750; d. Ashfield, Mass., Sept. 3, 1808, ae. 58 yrs.; m. Chatham, Conn., Oct. 25, 1782, Eleanor Smith of Conn., she b. July 23, 1760; d. Ashfield, Aug. 3, 1824, ae. 64 yrs.

Children in Ashfield:

566. 1. Lydia, b. July 29, 1783; m. Ell Gray, and d. Mar. 1815.

567. 2. Jerusha, b. Oct. 7, 1784; d. unmd., Apr. 1864.

*568. 3. LEMUEL, b. Dec. 30, 1785.

569. 4. Fanny, b. Aug. 27, 1787; d. Apr. 12, 1790.

570. 5. Achsah, b. Apr. 11, 1789; d. Aug. 7, 1869, ae. 80 yrs.; m. Nov. 11, 1811, George Ranney, son of George & Esther (Hall) R., he b. May 12, 1789; d. Phelps, N.Y., Sept. 9, 1842, ae. 53 yrs.

Children, Ranney:

1. Alonzo Franklin, b. Sept. 13, 1812.

2. George Lewis, b. Mar. 10, 1815; d.s.p. Hillsdale, Mich., Apr. 1881; m. Sarah Mc Connell.

3. Henry Sears, b. Mar. 5, 1817; d. 1889; m. June 20, 1844, Maria Jane Goodwin, dau. of Anson G., who d. Jan. 14, 1855, ae. 33 yrs.; and 2d., June 26, 1856, Julia A. Bassett, dau. of Francis B. Mr. Ranney was many years town clerk, J.P. & Rep. Children, Ranney:

1. Ralph Henry, b. Mar. 16, 1845; d. Boston, Mass., Oct. 30, 1876; m. 1868, Rosa Bassett.

2. Ella L., b. Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 24, 1847; d. Ashfield, Mass., Dec. 21, 1874; m. Jan. 21, 1869, Albert W. Packard.

3. Clara Maria, b. Aug. 2, 1851; d. Sept. 28, 1855.

4. George G., b. May 22, 1853; d. Sept. 8, 1853;

4. Lucius, b. Apr. 12, 1819; res. Allen, Mich.; m. Clarissa A. Wilcox.

Children, Ranney:

1. Caroline E., d. Feb. 2, 1858, ae. 8 yrs.

4a. ~~E~~ Priscilla M., b. Jan. 19, 1822; m. Randolph Densmore.

5. Harrison J., b. Mar. 4, 1824; m. Helen Mc Connell; res. Clearwater, Minn.

6. Lyman A., b. Aug. 1, 1828; d. unmd., Van Buren, Ark., Mar. 7, 1854.

7. Lemuel S., b. Jan. 7, 1831; res. Hillsdale, Mich.; m. May 24, 1882, Maggie Gilmore, dau. of Samuel G.

Children, Ranney:

1. Samuel Owen.

8. Anson B., b. May 31, 1833; d. near Hillsdale, Mich., Mar. 24, 1886; m. Caroline Baggerly.

Child, Ranney:

1. Everett B.

*571. 6. NATHAN, b. Feb. 14, 1791.

572. 7. Fanny, b. Oct. 21, 1793; d. Mar. 13, 1847, ae. 53 yrs.; m. Ashfield, June 8, 1815, Thomas Bassett, son of Lot B., he b. Ashfield, Apr. 10, 1789; d. Plainfield, Mass., Jan. 22, 1869, ae. 79 yrs.

Children, Bassett, the first 7 in Ashfield, and last 2 in Plainfield.

1. Deborah, b. Aug. 14, 1816; d. July 7, 1860; m. Dec. 27, 1842, Thomas P. Howes, son of Prince & Temperance (Crowell) H., he b. Sept. 28, 1817; d. 1879.

Children, Howes:

1. Thomas Bassett, b. Dec. 12, 1843; d. Sept. 12, 1848.

2. William Crowell, b. Apr. 8, 1846; d. Sept. 8, 1848.

3. Thomas Bassett, b. Apr. 20, 1849; m. Nov. 12, 1874, Florence Howes, who d. May 28, 1880; and 2d., May 7, 1884, Laville Comstock.

4. William Crowell, b. Jan. 1850; m. July 20, 1876, Joan Hall Crocker Howes.
 5. Martha Prince, b. Feb. 28, 1856; m. Jan. 16, 1889, Richard Henry Hefler.
 6. Richard Evans, b. June 25, 1860; d. Aug. 12, 1861.
 2. Elisha, b. June 6, 1818; m. Plainfield, Mass., Sept. 5, 1843, Mary Ann Porter Joy, she b. there, June 23, 1819; d. Boston, Mass., Mar. 26, 1859, ae. 39 yrs.; and 2d., Boston, Oct. 4, 1860, Mary Elizabeth Cox, she b. Holderness, N.H., Oct. 12, 1833; he was for many years clerk of the U.S. District Court in Boston, and resided in Newton Centre, Mass.
Children, Bassett:
 1. Mary Joy, b. Oct. 13, 1845.
 2. Francis, b. Oct. 23, 1849; Harvard, 1871.
 3. Fanny Adelaide, b. Jan. 25, 1859; d. Feb. 26, 1864.
 4. Anna Rogers, b. Mar. 31, 1867.
 5. Isabel Sears, b. Oct. 2, 1868.
 3. Lydia Sears, b. Oct. 19, 1820; m. Dec. 5, 1838, William F. Longley of Cobden, Ill.
 4. William, b. May 31, 1822; m. Apr. 2, 1845, Antoinette A. Joy, res. Heath, Mass.
 5. Thomas, b. Feb. 13, 1826; d. June 20, 1878; m. Oct. 23, 1850, Betsy Vilas. BRUCE (SEE VILAS GENEALOGY)
 6. Dwight, b. Apr. 13, 1828; d. Apr. 18, 1861; m. Jan. 18, 1853, Lucette Wood.
 7. Ellen, b. Oct. 9, 1830; d. Dec. 30, 1864; m. Nov. 3, 1859, Charles M. Clark.
 8. Fanny S., b. May 15, 1835; d. May 17, 1867; m. May 14, 1856, Noah M. Carter.
 9. Lot, b. May 31, 1833; d. unmd., Apr. 22, 1853.
573. 8. Clarissa, b. Nov. 26, 1795; d. Mar. 1864; m. Sept. 15, 1814, Sanford Boice.
574. 9. Betsy, b. June 20, 1798; d. Dec. 6, 1882, ae. 84 yrs.; m. Apr. 5, 1826, Ansel Taylor.
Children, Taylor:
 1. Eliza Ann, b. May 20, 1830; m. Jan. 1, 1850, Edwin Asa Davis, of Amherst, Mass., he b. Buckland, Mass., Nov. 14, 1827;
Children, Davis:
 1. Edwin Dwight of Atlanta, Ga., he b. Aug. 28, 1851; m. Aug. 28, 1872, Rosa Phillips.
- 575.10. Paul, b. Apr. 4, 1800; d. unmd., New Orleans, La.; he dealt largely in real estate, buying and locating soldiers claims in Texas, about Houston, and is reputed to have been very wealthy.
- 576.11. Henry, b. May 25, 1802; was twice married, and had several daughters. He was Judge of the Circuit Court in Arkansas, during many years, and removed to Texas about 1843, and was a prominent man there.
- 577.12. Priscilla, b. Dec. 31, 1805; d. June 7, 1866; m. Emmons Pratt of Buckland, Mass.

Paul Sears at one time owned and sailed whaling vessels; removed to Ashfield,

and lived on Cape street till his death in 1808.

'Paul Sears from Hampshire co.," was in Capt. Benjamin Phillips' Co., Col. Elisha Porter's Reg., July 10, to Aug. 12, 1777, and Corporal in Capt. Samuel Westcott's Co., Col. Joseph Ashley's Reg., Sept. 19, to Oct. 18, 1777, in the Northern Army.

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215. ENOS⁵ SEARS, (Daniel⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass.,

June 11, 1752; d. July 17, 1822, ae. 69 yrs.; m. Yar., Feb. 11, 1777,

Rebecca Kelley, dau. of Sylvanus K.

Children in Ashfield:

*578. 1. DANIEL, b. Oct. 6, 1779.

*579. 2. WILLIAM, b. about 1785.

580. 3. Hannah, b. about 1780; d. May 1862, ae. 82 yrs.; m. Barnabas Eldredge, he b. Ashfield, Mass., July 1780; d. Aug. 1857, ae. 77 yrs.

Children, Eldredge:

1. Thankful, m. Dec. 11, 1828, Mark Howes, son of Mark & Nabby (Gorham) H., he b. July 23, 1802; d. Aug. 26, 1884; she d. June 1876.

Children, Howes:

1. Sylvester, b. Oct. 27, 1831; d. July 2, 1863; m. Oct. 5, 1856, Cordelia Dyer.

2. Cordelia, b. Aug. 21, 1833; d. young.

3. Rebecca E., b. June 19, 1835; m. Feb. 4, 1863, Moses Fisk.

4. William C., b. Nov. 3, 1837; m. Apr. 5, 1871, Elvira Packard.

5. Willis S., b. Dec. 19, 1839; d. young.

6. Charles A., b. Mar. 7, 1842.

7. Francis E., b. Feb. 15, 1844; m. Apr. 26, 1877, Lillian Whipple.

8. Azubah, b. Jan. 16, 1847.

9. Mark, b. Aug. 8, 1850.

2. Rebecca, b. Oct. 1810; d. May 7, 1879, ae. 69 yrs.

3. Allen, b. Aug. 6, 1812; m. Ashfield, Sept. 7, 1834, Mary Hall, she b. Dec. 8, 1814.

4. Barnabas, b. Apr. 20, 1822.

581. 4. Tamsen, m. Joseph Hall, son of Joseph & Lucy (Sears) H., he b. Yar., Dec. 25, 1786; d. Apr. 16, 1869; was a farmer.

Children, Hall:

1. Hannah, m. David Jenkins.

2. Enos.

3. Alvan.

4. Hepsibah, m. Luther Howes.

5. Freeman.

6. Dinah, m. Philander Bates of East Cummington, Mass.

7. Tamsen.
8. Charles.

582. 5. Dinah, m. ----- Baldwin; a grand-son, H.L. Phelps, res. South Hampton, Mass.

583. 6. Mercy, d. Dec. 16, 1821, ae. 22 yrs.

Enos Sears lived in Ashfield, Mass., and was deranged for many years previous to his death in 1822.

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216. EDMUND⁵ SEARS, (Edmund⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹), b. Yarmouth, Mass., Jan. 3, 1743-44; d. Mar. 16, 1832, ae. 88 yrs., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass., m. Yar., Jan. 24, 1771, Hannah Taylor, dau. of Jacob T., of Yar., she b. Hyannis, Mass., 1753; (another account says in Plymouth, Mass., in 1752;) d. July 7, 1828, ae. 76 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

*584. 1. JACOB, b. Oct. 9, 1771.

*585. 2. JUDAH, b. Oct. 6, 1773.

586. 3. Mary, b. Feb. 13, 1776; d. May 15, 1785, ae. 9 yrs., gr-st.

*587. 4. PAUL, b. Nov. 20, 1777.

588. 5. Sally, b. June 26, 1780; d. West Sandwich, Mass., Aug. 14, 1861, ae. 81 yrs.; m. Dennis, Mass., May 4, 1797, Paul Crowell, son of William & Hannah (Sears) C., he b. Mar. 27, 1778; d. West Sandwich, Aug. 25, 1866, ae. 87 yrs.; they removed to West Sandwich in 1818, settling on a farm in that part now known as Sagamore, in the town of Bourne, and lived to see their children's children to the fifth generation, for their daughter Mary placed in their arms, her gt-gr-dau. Mabel Ellis.

They left 8 children, 43 gr-children, 57 gt-gr-children, and 1 gt-gt-gr-child.

Children, Crowell:

1. Olive, b. Dec. 30, 1797; d. 1865; m. 1819, Capt. Phineas Swift, who was lost at sea in sight of home, Nov. 23, 1863, ae. 65 yrs. 9 mos.

Children, Swift:

1. Elisha.

2. Sarah; both died young leaving no descendants.

2. Mary, b. Nov. 6, 1799; d. Oct. 12, 1870, ae. 70 yrs. 11 mos.; she was brought up in the family of her grand-father, Edmund Sears, Jr., with whom she lived to the age of 18; m. Aug. 5, 1820, Capt. Pelham Gibbs of Sandwich, who d. July 7, 1866.

Children, Gibbs:

1. Russell, b. Apr. 14, 1821.
2. Bradford, b. Mar. 15, 1824; d. Dec. 23, 1883.
3. William Crowell, b. Feb. 7, 1826.
4. Pelham Savery, b. June 23, 1829.
5. Paul Crowell, b. July 21, 1832.
6. George Washington, b. Feb. 24, 1835.
7. Lafayette, b. Nov. 7, 1837.
8. Mary Olive, b. Aug. 22, 1840; m. L. R. Leavitt of Sagamore.
9. Prince Crowell, b. Apr. 11, 1843.
3. Temperance, b. June 11, 1801; d. Aug. 17, 1868, æ. 67 yrs.
2 mos.; m. Thomas Swift.
Children, Swift:
 1. Phebe S., b. May 19, 1818; d. Aug. 17, 1868.
 2. Mary Ann, b. Apr. 16, 1822.
 3. Thomas C., b. Feb. 23, 1825; d. Apr. 9, 1883.
 4. Seth F., b. Jan. 28, 1828.
 5. Tempe C., b. Sept. 24, 1830.
 6. Eliza E., b. Aug. 31, 1834.
 7. Sarah D., b. Sept. 11, 1836.
 8. George W., b. July 4, 1839.
 9. Abbie P., b. Dec. 17, 1841.
4. Edmund, b. Nov. 26, 1802; was lost at sea, June 4, 1825, unmd.
5. Sally, b. Dec. 26, 1804; d. Jan. 15, 1885; m. 1822, Capt.
William Swift, he b. Sept. 22, 1795; d. Dec. 9, 1868.
Children, Swift:
 1. Aurelia Parker, b. Feb. 22, 1823.
 2. William, b. Dec. 26, 1824.
 3. Noble Parker, b. Sept. 5, 1830.
 4. Edmund, b. June 20, 1826; was lost at sea with 2 Crowell
uncles, in 1840, æ. 18 yrs.
 5. Adaline Appleton, b. Sept. 29, 1832.
 6. Caroline Beal, b. Apr. 9, 1835; m. May 5, 1853, Josiah B.
Hallet, son of ----- & Susan (Blossom) H., of Chatham,
Mass.; res. Bridgeport, Conn.
Children, Hallet:
 1. Herbert Francis, b. Mar. 5, 1854; m. Nov. 24, 1885,
Anna Ultzler of West Cornwall, Conn.
 2. Willard, b. Jan. 20, 1859.
 3. George De Wayne, b. Jan. 5, 1866.
 4. Carrie Adella, b. Sept. 10, 1867; d. May 4, 1871.
 5. Harrison H., b. July 1, 1873.
 7. Nathaniel, b. June 29, 1837.
 8. Gustavus Franklin, b. June 24, 1839.
 9. Sarah Elizabeth, b. Oct. 17, 1841; d. Nov. 24, 1842.
 10. Edmund Sears, b. Sept. 26, 1844; d. Sept. 30, 1845.
 11. Edwin Carlton, b. Aug. 5, 1847; d. Sept. 14, 1848.
 12. Edwin Carlton, b. Mar. 18, 1849.
6. Paul, b. Nov. 11, 1806; d. Oct. 13, 1870, æ. 63 yrs. 10 mos.;
m. June 19, 1823, Lydia Ellis, dau. of Thomas E.
Children, Crowell:
 1. Hannah Rebecca, b. July 4, 1834.
 2. Lydia E., b. June 28, 1837; m. Asa S. Eigerly; res.
Fresno, Cal.
 3. Hiram E., b. May 5, 1839; m. Nov. 27, 1864, Hannah L.
Swift, dau. of Rev. S.

4. Thomas P., b. May 18, 1845; d. Nov. 17, 1870.
 5. Emma H., b. Sept. 7, 1846; d. Feb. 7, 1849.
 7. William, b. Nov. 26, 1808; was lost at sea, June 4, 1825, unmd.
 8. Hannah, b. Oct. 22, 1810; m. William Bent.
Children, Bent:
 1. Hannah Maria.
 2. Nathan, d. young in California.
 3. Phebe.
 9. Prince, b. Dec. 3, 1812; was lost at sea, Mar. 24, 1840; m. Betsy Sears, no children.
 10. Priscilla S., b. Feb. 1815; d. Aug. 3, 1880; m. Elisha Ellis.
Children, Ellis:
 1. Priscilla.
 2. Elisha Winslow.
 3. Priscilla.
 4. Nathan Prince, res. Lynn, Mass.
 5. Edmund Crowell.
 6. Thomas, res. Sagamore, Mass.
 7. Sarah.
 8. Benjamin F., res. Waltham, Mass.
 11. Nathan, b. Feb. 24, 1817; was lost at sea, Mar. 24, 1840, unmd.
 12. Zenas, b. May 20, 1819; d. Stockton, Cal., Mar. 12, 1876; m. Sept. 17, 1843, Susan Heath, who d. May 22, 1854; and 2d., June 2, 1857, Mary E. Mc Laud, who d. Mar. 19, 1872.
Children, Crowell:
 1. Alfred D., b. Mar. 22, 1848; m. Sept. 17, 1879, Olga Gibbs.
 2. Susan Adelaide, b. Aug. 1, 1845; d. Mar. 12, 1851, in California.
 3. Emma De Laine, b. Oct. 29, 1850; d. June 27, 1852.
 4. Susan Ella, b. Jan. 2, 1854; m. Jan. 2, 1873, B.F. Wellington
 13. Lydia, b. June 19, 1821; d. June 21, 1821.
 14. Hiram, b. Aug. 7, 1822; m. July 11, 1850, Eliza S. Ellis, and 2d., Dec. 1, 1857, Hepsibah C. Harlow, and 3d., July 22, 1866, Mrs. Martha H. Perkins; he had a daughter who died in infancy.
 15. Calvin, b. Aug. 27, 1824; m. Apr. 23, 1857, Laura A. Swift, dau. of Clark S.
Children, Crowell:
 1. Walter L., b. May 31, 1858.
 2. Emma F., b. Apr. 12, 1863; d. Jan. 11, 1867.
 3. Annie F., b. Feb. 4, 1866.
 4. Frank C., b. Aug. 10, 1869.
 5. Ada L., b. Oct. 5, 1873.
 6. Bertha M., b. Nov. 22, 1879; d. Mar. 18, 1881.
 7. Mabelle E., b. June 28, 1882.
589. 6. Zerviah, b. Aug. 7, 1782; d. Dec. 20, 1867, ae. 85 yrs. 5 mos.; m. Dennis, Mass., Oct. 20, 1803, Reuben Howes, son of Daniel & Sarah (Collins) H., of Chatham, Mass., he b. Nov. 14, 1780; d. at sea, Aug. 10, 1815; *see Sears Genealogy, Vol. 1, p. 100.*
Children, Howes:
 1. Daniel, b. June 23, 1804; d. at sea, June 20, 1843; m. Aug. 19, 1830, Mercie Lincoln Howes, who d. Apr. 7, 1889.
Children, Howes:
 1. Reuben, b. Feb. (or Sept.) 23, 1832; m. Dec. 23, 1857, Margaret Brown, who d. Feb. 23, 1891.

2. Daniel Willis, b. Feb. 23, 1835; m. Dec. 2, 1862, Abbie J. Nye.
 3. Mercie Caroline, b. Aug. 12, 1842, or 1843; m. Aug. 11, 1863, Henry Francis Howes.
 2. Paulina, b. Feb. 4, 1809; m. Mar. 13, 1834, Edward Hall; res. Dennis, Mass.
Children, Hall:
 1. Paulina Howes, b. June 22, 1835; d. Feb. 13, 1859; m. Jan. 4, 1856, Henry Howes.
 2. Edward Freeman, b. Mar. 29, 1842; m. Feb. 6, 1868, Martha A. Layman.
 3. Joel Brainard, b. Oct. 28, 1846; m. Feb. 8, 1870, Lucy F. Howes.
 4. Zerviah S. H., b. May 9, 1853; d. Feb. 4, 1854.
 3. Reuben, b. Dec. 17, 1810; d. July 14, 1827, *ae. 16 yrs. 7 mos.*
590. 7. Molly Atwood, b. June 3, 1785; d. Jan. 26, 1840, *ae. 55 yrs.*; m. Zenas Howes, son of Seth & Elizabeth (Lincoln) H., he b. July 24, 1780; d. July 13, 1860.
Children, Howes:
 1. Mary, b. Mar. 6, 1807; d. June 13, 1889; m. Hollis De Witt.
 2. Caroline, b. July 4, 1809; d. Apr. 26, 1850.
 3. Zenas, b. Aug. 3, 1811; d. June 18, 1839; m. Olive Hall.
Children, Howes:
 1. Barzillia, b. Aug. 3, 1834; m. Rebecca S. Carlow.
 2. Zenas Otis, b. May 29, 1836; m. Helen M. Sylvester.
 3. George Berkley, b. July 25, 1838; m. Myra Rayner.
 4. Seth, b. June 15, 1814; m. Lydia Howes of Industry, Me.
Children, Howes:
 1. Seth Manley, b. July 12, 1852; m. Emily Booker.
 5. Laban, b. June 18, 1818; m. Persis Howes.
Children, Howes:
 1. Olive Adaline, b. June 30, 1846; d. Apr. 30, 1848.
 2. Laban Howard, b. July 24, 1848.
 3. Olive Adaline, b. Mar. 18, 1853; d. Apr. 24, 1854.
 4. Ella May, b. July 3, 1854; d. Mar. 29, 1867.
 5. Carlton, b. Oct. 9, 1855; m. Lucy Emma Sears, *he. 3d.*
 6. Cora Addy, b. Sept. 30, 1857.
 6. Larosia, b. June 9, 1820; m. Paul Earle; and 2d., Barnabas Crocker; and 3d., Stephen Atkins; and 4th., William Oliver.
591. 8. Hannah, b. June 24, 1787; d. Dec. 22, 1877, *ae. 90 yrs.*; m. Abner Howes, son of Elisha & Abigail (Howes) H., he b. May 8, 1782; d. July 23, 1861;
Children, Howes:
 1. Edmund Sears, b. Dec. 3, 1809; d. Nov. 4, 1812.
 2. Harriet, b. June 7, 1812; m. Heman Howes.
 3. Hannah Sears, b. Jan. 11, 1815; m. Peter Howes.
 4. Clarissa, b. Dec. 24, 1818; m. Henry Nickerson.
 5. Abner, b. June 13, 1821; d. Oct. 7, 1875; m. Elizabeth Day, who d. Apr. 20, 1864.
Children, Howes:
 1. Ella Imogene, b. Aug. 27, 1856; d. Jan. 1, 1857.
 2. Abner, b. 1861; d. *ae. 19 days.*
 3. George Alfred.

6. Priscilla, b. Feb. 22, 1826; m. Joshua C. Howes.
 7. Alfred Howes, b. Feb. 16, 1828; d. Aug. 29, 1882; m. Eliza Wright.

Children, Howes:

1. Edna Jane, b. Aug. 2, 1859; m. July 9, 1891, Samuel Gaston Davidson.
 2. Abby Christina, b. Apr. 20, 1862.
 3. Eliza Florence, b. May 24, 1864; m. June 4, 1885, George Whorf.
 4. Alfred, b. July 16, 1866.
8. Abigail, b. Sept. 25, 1830; d. Oct. 8, 1858; m. Lemuel Hall.

592. 9. Priscilla, b. Apr. 9, 1790; d. Feb. 28, 1826, ae. 36 yrs.; m. Moses Howes, son of Joseph & Hannah (Hopkins) H., he b. May 7, 1785; d. Sept. 27, 1864; (he m. 2d., Mrs. Olive (Seabury) Sears, who d. Dec. 10, 1883.)

Children, Howes:

1. Albert, b. Feb. 4, 1811; d. Dec. 3, 1888; m. Apr. 15, 1833, Huldah Gorham, who d. Oct. 27, 1836; and 2d., Apr. 18, 1839, Joanna Howes.

Children, Howes:

1. David Gorham, b. Sept. 18, 1835; d. July 15, 1856.
 2. Heman Russell, b. Aug. 18, 1847; d. Sept. 26, 1848.
 3. George Albert, b. Oct. 26, 1850; d. July 27, 1854.
 4. Joan Esther, b. Apr. 6, 1854; d. Mar. 22, 1856.
2. Carlton, b. Sept. 6, 1812; d. Dec. 16, 1871; m. Eunice Cobb Paddock, she b. Sept. 2, 1814; had 2 daus. who d. inf.
3. Zerviah Sears, b. Jan. 1, 1816; m. John Howes, and 2d., Obed Howes.

4. Moses, b. Sept. 18, 1817; d.s.p. Jan. 29, 1886; m. Jerusha Sturgis Hall, she b. Sept. 12, 1818.

5. Almond Sears, b. Jan. 3, 1831; m. Jan. 1, 1856, Dinah Clark.

Children, Howes:

1. Mary Clark, b. July 8, 1857.
 2. Olive Addie, b. Feb. 23, 1860; m. John Chambers.
6. Priscilla Sears, b. Sept. 1, 1832; d. Oct. 5, 1833.
7. Priscilla Sears, b. Nov. 9, 1834; m. Edmund Matthews.
8. Hannah H., b. Oct. 7, 1837; d. July 11, 1839.

- *593.10. EDMUND, b. Apr. 8, 1792.

- 594.11. Lydia, b. Nov. 13, 1794; d. Feb. 25, 1848, ae. 53 yrs.; m. June 2, 1817, Nathan Howes, son of Joseph & Hannah (Hopkins) H., he b. Aug. 30, 1792; d. Sept. 6, 1868; (he m. 2d., Polly Freeman Crocker, née Hall, who d. Jan. 11, 1863.)

Children, Howes:

1. Lydia, b. July 2, 1818; m. Benjamin Dillingham.
2. Nathan, b. May 20, 1820; d. July 9, 1820.
3. Nathan, b. Sept. 18, 1821; d. May 10, 1822.
4. Harriet Newell, b. July 24, 1823; m. Anson Ellis, and 2d., Lewis Howes, and 3d., Nathan Swift.

5. Silas, b. Dec. 26, 1825; m. Priscilla Lord.

Children, Howes:

1. Albion R., b. Feb. 10, 1855.
2. William G., b. June 3, 1857; m. Ruth Baker.

3. Charles Wesley, b. June 23, 1860; m. Carrie B. Howes.
4. Edmund Sears, b. Feb. 8, 1862.
5. Silas Lincoln, b. Sept. 12, 1865.
6. Benjamin Perkins, b. Mar. 21, 1867.
6. Hannah, b. Jan. 6, 1828; d. about 1894; m. Joseph Sylvan.
7. Phebe, b. Mar. 14, 1830; m. Frank M. Parker.
8. Olive Sears, b. Feb. 26, 1832; d. Apr. 13, 1832.
9. Joseph, b. Apr. 3, 1833; d. Apr. 15, 1878; m. Abby Sears Hedge.
Children, Howes:
1. Nathan Anderson, b. Apr. 26, 1857; m. Helena W. Ellis.
2. John Silas, b. Mar. 19, 1859; d. Feb. 18, 1868.
3. Lydia Abby, b. Sept. 23, 1861; m. George Emmons Hall, Dec. 26, 1887.
4. Lizzie Lowe, b. Feb. 9, 1865; m. Aug. 27, 1889, Rev. John L. Hillman.
5. Lucy Josephine, b. Sept. 2, 1872.
6. Hitty Hedge, b. Nov. 2, 1874.
10. Benjamin Perkins, b. Oct. 16, 1835; m. June 10, 1860, Lucy J. Lord.
Children, Howes:
1. Carrie Bertha, m. Charles Wesley Howes.
and 2 sons who d. inf.
11. Charles Wesley, b. May 29, 1839; d. Jan. 1, 1840.

Edmund Sears was a soldier in Lt. Micajah Sears' Co., and on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, marched and did 13 days service.

His Will dated 1820, pro. 1832, mentions wife Hannah; and children, Sally Crowell, Zerviah Howes, Molly A. Howes, Hannah Howes, Priscilla Howes; Edmund, Jacob, Judah and Paul Sears.

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220. JOSHUA⁵ SEARS, (Edmund⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹,) b. Yarmouth, Mass., July 1, 1753; d. Mar. 31, 1825, in his 73d yr., gr-st., West Brewster; m. Harwich, Mass., May 28, 1778, Sarah Sears, dau. of Prince S., she b. Dec. 1759; d. Jan. 13, 1792, ae. 32 yrs., gr-st.; and 2d., int. Har., Dec. 1, 1792, Olive Clark, dau. of Reuben & Jerusha (Freeman) C., she b. Feb. 15, 1765; d. Dec. 14, 1817, in her 53d yr., gr-st.

Children:

by Sarah,

595. 1. Betsy, b. Har., Dec. 9, 1778; d. Oct. 5, 1787, in her 9th yr., gr-st.

596. 2. Joshua, b. Har., May 18, 1781; was master of a schooner, and lost at sea, Sept. 3, 1803, on the passage from the Straits of Belle-isle, gr-st., No. Dennis.

597. 3. Rebecca, b. Yar., July 29, 1783; m. int. Yar., Jan. 11, 1801, Leverett Gray, and removed to Thomaston, Me.
598. 4. Lot, b. Yar., Oct. 15, 1785; was mate with his bro. Joshua, and was lost at sea, Sept. 3, 1803; gr-st., No. Dennis.

*599. 5. EZRA, b. Yar., Mar. 31, 1789.

600. 6. Betsy, b. Yar., July 15, 1791; d. inf.

by Olive,

601. 7. Sally, b. Dennis, Oct. 8, 1793; d. May 28, 1836; m. Jan. 1, 1815, Zoheth Howes, son of Joseph & Hannah (Hopkins) H., he b. Aug. 1, 1789; d. Feb. 28, 1832;
Children, Howes:
1. Calvin A., b. Jan. 28, 1816; was lost at sea, Dec. 21, 1831.
2. Olive Clark, b. Dec. 26, 1817; m. Mar. 3, 1836, Elisha Crowell, he b. Sept. 3, 1813; d. Mar. 2, 1854; res. Dennis, Mass., and Brooklyn, N.Y.
Children, Crowell:
1. Calvin S., b. Jan. 3, 1838.
2. Olive A., b. Mar. 31, 1840.
3. Elisha F., b. Jan. 22, 1849; d. Mar. 2, 1854.
4. Son, b. Feb. 28, 1851; d. Mar. 21, 1851.
5. Ella F., b. Jan. 22, 1855.
6. Elisha F., b. Sept. 25, 1857.
3. Abby, b. Nov. 17, 1819; d. Jan. 5, 1844; m. Dec. 17, 1839, Calvin Howes.
Children, Howes:
1. Calvin C., b. Jan. 1840; res. Binney, Montana.
4. Sarah, b. Oct. 9, 1821; d. Dec. 19, 1845; m. Jan. 20, 1844, William Crowell.
5. Joel, b. Oct. 15, 1823; d. Nov. 20, 1847; m. Jan. 7, 1847, Isabel Hall.
6. Rhoda, b. Nov. 21, 1825; d. Aug. 8, 1850; m. June 16, 1846, Isaiah Crowell.
7. Zoheth, b. Dec. 10, 1827; d. Oct. 6, 1856; m. Jan. 1851, ~~Jean H. Hall, nee Crowell; she d. Feb. 26, 1852; (another account says, "Jean H. Crocker, who d. Feb. 26, 1852")~~ and 2d., Harriet Thompson.
Child, Howes:
1. Joan H. C., b. Dec. 21, 1851; m. William Crowell Howes.
8. Henry, b. Aug. 17, 1829; d. Mar. 13, 1871; m. Jan. 4, 1856, Pauline H. Hall, who d. Feb. 13, 1859; and 2d., Aug. 13, 1860, Lucy Pope Burgess, she b. Sept. 24, 1835.
Children, Howes:
by Paulina,
1. Eugene Frank, b. Feb. 6, 1859; d. July 31, 1859.
by Lucy,
2. Zoeth Burgess, b. Aug. 11, 1861.
3. Mary Abbie, b. July 23, 1862.
4. Charles Tobey, b. Mar. 1, 1864; d. Feb. 17, 1866.
5. Lewis Irving, b. Oct. 26, 1868.
6. Olive Clark, b. Nov. 11, 1870; m. Dec. 25, 1888, William L. Sears,

*602. 8. GEORGE, b. Dennis, Sept. 8, 1795.

603. 9. Abigail, b. Dennis, Mar. 21, (25) 1797; m. July 11, 1820, John Hedge, he b. Aug. 16, 1797; d. Nov. 30, 1871; he was a school-master.

Children, Hedge:

1. Silas L., b. Sept. 20, 1821; d. July 11, 1834.
2. Mehitable, b. Aug. 9, 1823; d. Aug. 31, 1825.
3. Milton P., b. Aug. 15, 1825; m. Aug. 15, 1848, Elizabeth Lowe Sears, dau. of Zachariah & Olive S., she b. Nov. 9, 1828; res. East Dennis.

Children, Hedge:

1. Milton Lee, b. Mar. 6, 1855; d. young.
2. John M., b. Aug. 3, 1857; m. Dec. 6, 1879, Hattie Phelps, she b. Dec. 6, 1861; he is a lumber dealer at Clear Creek, Nebraska.
3. Joseph, b. Jan. 27, 1860; m. Aug. 22, 1882, Julia Smalley, she b. Sept. 1861; he runs a sheep ranch in Cambridge, Kansas.

4. George Sears, b. July 4, 1865.

4. Lucy L., b. Jan. 11, 1828; m. Mar. 14, 1850, Sylvanus Sears, son of Worcester, Mass.

5. Mehitable, b. Aug. 22, 1830; d. Nov. 30, 1869.

6. Susan G., b. Feb. 18, 1833; m. Nov. 29, 1855, Isaiah B. Hall, he b. Oct. 12, 1828; res. Dennis.

Children, Hall:

1. Chloe C., b. Apr. 22, 1858.
2. Susan E., b. Sept. 29, 1861.
3. Emma G., b. July 27, 1868.
4. Child.

7. Abby S., b. Jan. 23, 1836; m. May 1, 1855, Joseph Howes, he b. Apr. 3, 1833; d. Dennis, Apr. 15, 1878.

Children, Howes:

1. Nathan A., b. Apr. 26, 1857.
2. John S., b. Mar. 19, 1859; d. Feb. 18, 1868.
3. Lydia A., b. Sept. 23, 1861.
4. Lizzie L., b. Feb. 9, 1865.
5. Lucie J., b. Sept. 2, 1872.
6. Hettie H., b. Nov. 2, 1874.

8. John S., b. Jan. 10, 1838; was lost at sea, in 1856.

9. Daniel, b. Nov. 5, 1839; m. Sept. 8, 1864, Abby M. Crowell, she b. Sept. 10, 1838; he was a Capt. in the Boston & Savannah S. S. Line, res. Dennis.

Children, Hedge:

1. Anna C., b. Nov. 1, 1868; d. Feb. 13, 1878.
2. Howard C., b. Dec. 22, 1879.
3. Child.

10. George S., b. Nov. 26, 1842; d. Feb. 28, 1865.

604. 10. Clarissa, b. Dennis, Apr. 1, 1799; d. Sept. 2, 1834; m. Nov. 30, 1822, Peter Hall, son of Benjamin & Achsah (Howes) H., he b. Feb. 12, 1799; d. July 20, 1861.

Children, Hall:

1. Achsah H., b. Sept. 17, 1821; m. Apr. 25, 1844, Franklin Nye, of Sandwich, Mass.

Children, Nye:

1. Clarissa Sears, b. Aug. 30, 1845; m. Samuel (son of Peter Hall & Achsah H.) b. Nov. 1, 1845; d. Nov. 1, 1861.
2. Rebecca, b. July 1, 1848; d. Sept. 3, 1861.

2. Olive Sears, b. Apr. 8, 1823; d. Aug. 26, 1825.
3. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 26, 1824; d. Aug. 28, 1851.
4. Clarissa Sears, b. July 30, 1830; m. Jan. 20, 1852, Capt. Josiah Nickerson of Portland, Me., *b. Oct. 8, 1815; a clerk and insurance broker.*
Children, Nickerson:
 1. Peter Hall, b. Oct. 28, 1854; d. Aug. 5, 1856.
 2. Peter Sears, b. Sept. 15, 1856; m. Ella F. Nash.
 3. George Arthur, b. Feb. 18, 1862; d. July 14, 1870.

605.11. Reuben Clarke, b. Dennis, Oct. 10, 1800; d. Jan. 5, 1829, ae. 28 yrs., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.

606.12. Calvin, b. Dennis, Jan. 29, 1803; d. Apr. 12, 1806; gr-st., No. Dennis.

607.13. Olive, b. Dennis, Sept. 7, 1805; was scalded to death, Nov. 1, 1810, gr-st., No. Dennis.

Joshua Sears was a seaman when young, and later a farmer; he served in Lt. Micajah Sears' Co., Sept. 6, 1778, on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth; he shipped in ship "General Putnam," Capt. Daniel Waters, for naval service, July 12, 1779, at 2 pounds per month, was taken prisoner, and committed to Forton Prison, England, and imprisoned for several years, during which he had the small pox, from which and other hardships he nearly died.

He was an active member in the church in Dennis.

His Will dated Sept. 3, 1824, was proved in 1825, and names children, Ezra, George, Reuben C., Rebecca Gray, wife of Leverett G., Sarah, wife of Zooth Howes, Nabby, wife of John Hedge, and Clarissa, wife of Peter Hall.

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221. CHRISTOPHER⁵ SEARS, (Edmund⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 16, 1756; d. Feb. 1809, ae. 53 yrs.; m. Deborah Manter of Martha's Vineyard, Mass., and 2d., Harwich, Mass., Mar. 13, 1788, Mary Snow of Harwich.

Children:

by Deborah,

608. 1. Deborah Manter, b. Ashfield, Mass., Aug. 30, 1785; d. Aug. 27, 1838; m. Brewster, Mass., Jan. 1, 1804, Isaiah Clarke, son of Kimbal C., he b. Nov. 30, 1777; d. July 29, 1838.

Children, Clarke:

1. Isaiah, b. Oct. 6, 1805; d. May 26, 1810.
2. William, b. Feb. 27, 1808; m. July 5, 1831, Lydia F. Crosby, she b. Sept. 25, 1810.

Children, Clarke:

1. Deborah M., b. Oct. 9, 1832; m. Barnabas Sears, b. 1807.
2. William Henry, b. July 12, 1839; d. at sea, Jan. 25, 1883.
3. Lydia Francis, b. July 19, 1844; d. July 4, 1847.
4. Henrietta C., b. Oct. 23, 1847; d. July 21, 1856.
3. Isaiah, b. July 28, 1811; d. July 10, 1835, at Indian Key, Fla.

4. Jeremiah Manter, b. July 6, 1814; m. Oct. 20, 1836, Margaret Thayer, she b. Nov. 14, 1810; he was a farmer, went to California, and on his return died of cholera on board of brig "William Penn," Nov. 4, 1850, and was buried at sea.
Children, Clark:
1. Phebe, b. Oct. 20, 1838.
2. Margaret A., b. Mar. 15, 1840.
3. George Albert, b. Aug. 16, 1849.
5. Isaac, b. Sept. 12, 1818; m. Jan. 18², 1843, Mary Ann Weld, who d. Aug. 18, 1866; and 2d., Eliza Jane Brintnall; res. Prov. R.I.
Children, Clark:
by Mary Ann,
1. Mary Louisa, b. Mar. 4, 1845; d. Dec. 26, 1863.
2. Rosa Ferrin, b. Apr. 12, 1849; d. Apr. 27, 1857.
3. Isaac Henry, b. Apr. 19, 1852; m. 1873, Lillian E. Cornell.
by Eliza Jane,
4. Rosa Etta, b. May 24, 1871.

by Mary,

609. 2. Christopher, b. Yar., Jan. 21, 1789; was lost at sea, in Aug. 1816.
610. 3. Polly, b. Yar., Feb. 6, 1790.
- *611. 4. WILLIAM, b. Yar., July 9, 1791.
612. 5. Nancy, b. Yar., (now Dennis,) Nov. 9, 1794; m. Harvich, Nov. 6, 1814, Reuben Sears, Dennis.
613. 6. Eunice, b. Dennis, Aug. 16, 1796; m. Nov. 28, 1816, Alexander Robbins.
614. 7. Elizabeth, b. Dennis, Apr. 26, 1799; joined the Shakers at Harvard, Mass.
615. 8. Lucinda, b. Dennis, May 10, 1801.
616. 9. Lot, b. Dennis, Aug. 31, 1805; d. unmd., Dec. 26, 1829, gr-st., W. Br.

Christopher Sears was a Rev. soldier, and served from Jan. 27 to Nov. 21, 1776, in Capt. Elisha Nye's Co., at the Elizabeth Islands; and in Capt. Micah Chapman's Co., Lt. Micajah Sears, on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 1778, 3 days service.

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222. ELKANAH⁵ SEARS, (Edmund⁴, Paul³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Oct. 22, 1758; d. Dennis, Mass., June 1, 1836, ae. 78 yrs., gr-st., West Brewster; m. Yar., Jan. 10, 1788, Mercy Bray, dau. of William B., she b. Yar., Apr. 7, 1763; d. July 9, 1846, ae. 85 yrs., gr-st., W. Br.

Children:

- 617.1. Sarah, b. Yar., Nov. 20, 1788; d. Apr. 29, 1878; m. May 10, 1805, Peter Baker of So. Dennis.
618. 2. Temperance, b. Yar., Nov. 28, 1790; d. Mar. 1, 1859; m. Oct. 29, 1829, Ezekiel Hallet of Yar.
619. 3. Susan, b. Dennis, (late Yar.,) Apr. 27, 1794; d. unmd., June 2, 1857, ae. 63 yrs., gr-st.
620. 4. Lucy, b. Den., May 29, 1797; d. Brewster, Mass., Nov. 27, 1852; m. Dec. 1816, Ezekiel Thacher of Brewster.
- *621. 5. ELKANAH, b. Den., Feb. 16, 1800.
- *622. 6. THOMAS, twin; b. Den. Feb. 16, 1800.
- *623. 7. WILLIAM, b. Den., Apr. 4, 1808.

Elkanah Sears lived in the East Precinct of Yarmouth, now East Dennis.

He served in Lt. Micajah Sears' Co., and marched on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 6, 1778, was on duty 3 days.

In the fall of 1819, he with his son William, set out some cranberry vines at Flax Pond, now called Scargo Lake, in Dennis, and was the pioneer in the large and profitable business of cranberry raising.

Some years later "Henry Hall of Dennis, having a marshy lot which produced some fine berries, was led to follow the experiment of transplanting some of the vines to another part of the same swamp, and the experiment proving a success, he and others continued their efforts in the same direction. But it took many years of careful study, and laborious and costly experiment to ascertain the processes, soil and conditions necessary to success."

"In 1677, to appease the wrath of Charles II, who was angry with Massachusetts Colony for coining 'Pine Tree shillings,' the General Court ordered a present to be sent to him of 'ten barrels of cranberries, two hogsheads of samp, and three thousand cod fish,' luxuries which it was thought would soften the ire of an angry monarch."

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228. ELISHA⁵ SEARS, (Elisha,⁴ John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Sept. 26, 1741; d. East Dennis, Mass., Dec. 5, 1822, ae. 81 yrs., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.; m. Harwich, Mass., Sept. 7, 1794, Thankful Snow, dau. of Thomas S., of Har., who d. E. Dennis, Dec. 10, 1811, in her 44th yr., gr-st.; (1810, ae. 48 yrs., Fam. Rec.)

Children in East Dennis:

- *624. 1. ELISHA, b. Aug. 25, 1795.
625. 2. Ephraim, bapt. Mar. 26, 1797.
626. 3. Bethia, b. Nov. 27, 1799; m. Philander Sears of Worcester, Mass., Nov. 6, 1822.

*627. 4. CONSTANT, b. July 26, 1802.

628. 5. Thomas Snow, b. Dec. 10, 1810; was lost at sea, in 1834.

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229. Capt. JOHN⁵ SEARS, (Elisha,⁴ John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., May 30, 1743; d. East Dennis, Mass., Aug. 24, 1812, in his 68th yr., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.; m. Yar., Dec. 14, 1780, Mehitable Sears, dau. of Lt. Zachariah & Mehitable (Crowell) S., she b. Sept. 2, 1750; ^{bapt. in private, May 16, and} d. May 19, 1798, ae. 48 yrs., gr-st.; and 2d., Dennis, Oct. 7, 1800, Kezia Howes, she b. Yar., 1770; d. Sept. 4, 1827, ae. 57 yrs., gr-st.

Child:

by Kezia,

629. 1. Mehitable, b. Dennis, Sept. 8, 1801.

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232. NOAH⁵ SEARS, (Elisha,⁴ John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Apr. 11, 1751; d. Sept. 23, 1835, in his 85th yr., gr-st., West Brewster, Mass.; m. int. Yar., Feb. 8, ¹⁷⁹⁴ ~~1835~~, Desire Merrill of Dennis, who d. Sept. 28, 1828, in her 62d yr., gr-st.

Children in Brewster:

630. 1. Sarah, b. Mar. 2, 1806; d. June 23, 1834, in her 29th yr., gr-st., W.Br.

631. 2. Noah, b. Apr. 10, 1808; d. Aug. 25, 1828, in his ¹⁴⁵ ~~28th~~ yr., gr-st., W.Br.

*632. 3. SAMUEL RIPLEY, b. Nov. 3, 1810.

Noah Sears was in Lt. Micajah Sears' Co., and served 3 days on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, Sept. 6, 1778.

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237. Capt. JOHN⁵ SEARS, (John,⁴ John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., July 20, 1744; d. Dennis, Mass., June 9, 1817; m. Yar., Dec. 26, 1771, Phebe Sears, dau. of Daniel S., she b. Yar., Mar. 31, 1747; d. Jan. 1818.

Children in Yarmouth:

633. 1. Olive, b. Dec. 8, 1772; m. Aug. 9, 1794, Capt. Zoeth Berry of Brewster.
634. 2. Deborah, b. Sept. 19, 1774.
635. 3. Daniel, b. Apr. 19, 1777; d. at sea in 1797.
- *636. 4. HEMAN, b. Apr. 10, 1780.
637. 5. Jerusha, b. Nov. 27, 1781; d. Sept. 17, 1844; m. Joseph Howes, son of Joseph & Hannah (Hopkins) H., he b. May 29, 1780; d. July 24, 1842.
- Children, Howes:
1. Franklin, b. Nov. 4, 1804; d. Apr. 4, 1807.
 2. Daniel Sears, b. Dec. 1, 1805; was lost at sea, Dec. 6, 1830; m. Rebecca Howes.
 3. Joseph, b. Nov. 6, 1807; was lost at sea, Mar. 25, 1830.
 4. Peleg, b. Nov. 29, 1809; m. Phebe Baker, and 2d., Mrs. Mary Snow.
 5. Olive, b. June 8, 1812; m. Moses Nickerson.
 6. Huldah, b. Dec. 9, 1813; m. Abraham Howes.
 7. Benjamin F., b. Oct. 12, 1815; m. Martha Howes, and 2d., Thankful Howes.
 8. Jerusha, b. Sept. 22, 1818; d. Apr. 11, 1852; m. Stephen Hall.
 9. Horatio, b. Sept. 22, 1818, twin; m. Sally Randall Nickerson.
 10. Hannah Hopkins, b. and d. Sept. 21, 1821.
 11. Phebe, b. Dec. 28, 1824; d. Feb. 25, 1825.
- *638. 6. ENOS, b. Oct. 10, 1783.
639. 7. Lavinia, b. Sept. 6, 1785.
- *640. 8. MOODY, b. Nov. 19, 1788.
641. 9. Fanny, b. Apr. 28, 1791.

" Capt. John Sears will long be remembered on Cape Cod in connection with his invention of the process of making salt by solar evaporation.

" In 1776, he constructed a vat, one hundred feet long, and ten feet wide.

" Rafters were fixed over it, and shutters contrived to move up and down, that the vat might be covered when it rained, and exposed to the sun in fair weather. But the works were leaky, and the first year he obtained but eight bushels of salt. He was ridiculed by his neighbors, and his invention was styled "Sears' Folly." Capt. Sears persevered, the works were made tight, and the second year thirty bushels of salt were obtained. In this and the third year the salt water was poured into the vat from buckets, a tedious and laborious operation. In the fourth year he rigged a pump, procured from the wreck of the British man-of-war 'Somerset,' which had been cast away on the Cape; it was worked by hand, which was still great labor. In 1785, at the suggestion of Maj. Nathaniel Freeman of Harwich, Capt. Sears contrived a pump to be worked by wind, thus greatly abridging the labor. Covers to move on rollers were invented by Reuben Sears, a carpenter of Harwich, and Capt. Sears was further assisted in the improvement of the works by Capt. William Crowell, Capt. Christopher Crowell and Capt. Edward Sears of Dennis. These persons assigning to him their right and title in

the invention, he applied for a patent, which he obtained in 1799.

¹ Incidentally to this industry, the manufacture of Glauber Salts, once much used in medicine, became an important branch of the business. Rev. Ephraim Briggs of Chatham, a skillful chemist, greatly improved the process of manufacture.

² The salt business was for many years of great value and importance to Barnstable county. In 1832 there were in the county 1425000 feet of vats, producing 358000 bushels, but in 1834 the industry was checked by the reduction of the duty. The developement of the Salt Springs in New York and elsewhere served to make the business unprofitable, and there are now (1887) few works standing and in operation.

Like many other inventive geniuses, Capt. Sears had fits of abstraction, and his neighbors gave him the nickname of "Sleepy John," which he held till the success of his invention caused it to be displaced by that of "Salt John."

He once undertook to build an Orrery, and rigged up an old cart-wheel, to the spokes of which he affixed his planets. This was hung up over the door of his shop, in which he used to fasten himself when at work on his hobbies.

One day his wife wishing to enter the shop forced the door, when the contrivance fell upon her, injuring her severely. When asked what was the matter with her, a neighbor said, "John Sears earth fell on her."

He was in Lt. Micajah Sears' Co., and served 3 days from Sept. 6, 1778, on the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth; and as sergt. in Capt. Elisha Hedge's Co., in Col. Freeman's Reg., Sept. 13 to 18, 1778; 52 miles travel.

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249. SETH SEARS, (John⁴, John³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Yarmouth, Mass., Dec. 8, 1767; d. East Dennis, Mass., Mar. 5, 1806, in his 36th yr., gr-st., W. Br.; m. Yar., Nov. 29, 1792, Hepsibah Hall, who d. June 9, 1793, in her 22d yr., gr-st.; and 2d., Eastham, Mass., Jan. 1, 1795, Sarah Hurd of Orleans, Mass., who d. Sept. 29, 1812, ae. 40 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Dennis:

by Hepsibah,

642. 1. Luther, bapt. Oct. 23, 1803; m. Orleans, Mass., Oct. 16, 1831, Ruth G. Hurd, and removed to Illinois.

643. 2. Mark, bapt. Apr. 7, 1805; was lost at sea, July 11, 1828, in his 24th yr.

by Sally,

644. 3. Hepsibah, b. Oct. 6, 1795; d. Brewster, Mass., Apr. 10, 1870, ae. 75 yrs.; m. Nov. 1, 1814, Solomon Hurd. In the Will of her grandmother, Priscilla Sears, Jan. 7, 1815, she is called Hepsibeth Gibson.

645. 4. Phebe, b. Feb. 14, 1797.

646. 5. Priscilla, b. Sept. 13, 1798; (? m. Jan. 14, 1819, Capt. Edward Hall.)
 647. 6. Seth, b. Apr. 12, 1800; d. Mar. 11, 1808, gr-st.
 648. 7. Belinda, bapt. Mar. 28, 1802.

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251. EDWARD⁵ SEARS, (Willard,⁴ John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Harwich, Mass.,
 Oct. 22, 1746; d. Sept. 14, 1807, ae. 61 yrs., gr-st., West Brewster; m.
 Har., Jan. 4, 1789, Bethia Sears, dau. of Dea. John S., of Yar., she b.
 Mar. 10, 1761; d. Nov. 10, 1842, ae. 81 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Harwich, later Brewster:

649. 1. Edward, b. Mar. 30, 1790; was lost at sea, in 1804.
 650. 2. Samuel, b. Aug. 5, 1791; d. unmd., Jan. 29, 1855, ae. 63 yrs., gr-st.
 651. 3. Tamsen, bapt. E. Yar., Mar. 10, 1793; m. int. Brewster, Feb. 20,
 1814, Zebina Howes, son of Thomas & Jerusha (Howes) H., he b. Mar.
 22, 1792; d. Sept. 18, 1871; (he m. 2d., Lydia Howes, and 3d.,
 Persis Hall, who d. Oct. 2, 1882.)
 Children, Howes:
 1. Edward Sears, b. Feb. 13, 1815; d. Feb. 5, 1885; m. Mary A.,
 and 2d., Abigail Howes, who d. Sept. 15, 1859, and 3d., Desire
 Howes; res. in Chelsea and Worcester, Mass.
 Children, Howes:
 1. Edward A., b. Mar. 1844; d. Jan. 1845.

652. 4. Bethia.

*653. 5. JOHN, b. Dec. 31, 1794.

654. 6. Susanna, b. 1797; d. Feb. 8, 1800, ae. 3 yrs., gr-st.

655. 7. Vienna, b. May 28, 1799; d. June 27, 1880, ae. 81 yrs., gr-st.,
 West Brewster; she never married, but resided until her death
 in the old homestead in West Brewster, purchased by her grand-
 father, Willard Sears of Joshua Sears, it then being in Harwich.

On the alarm at Dartmouth and Falmouth, in Sept. 1778, Edward Sears
 marched in Lt. Crowell's Co., Col. Nathaniel Freeman's Reg., and did 13
 days service.

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255. REUBEN⁵ SEARS, (Willard,⁴ John,³ Paul,² Richard,¹) b. Harwich, Mass.,
 Sept. 25, 1753; d. Brewster, Mass., Nov. 4, 1844, ae. 91.1.9, gr-st., W. Br.;
 m. Har., Dec. 13, 1781, Rhoda Mayo, who d. Apr. 16, 1784, in her 28th yr.,

gr-st., W. Br.; and 2d., int. Har., Mar. 12, 1785, Abigail Vincent, she b. Mar. 31, 1760; d. Apr. 24, 1828, ae. 69 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Harwich:

by Rhoda,

656. 1. Mary, b. Nov. ⁶5, 1782; m. Brewster, Nov. 5, 1805, Amos Kelley.

657. 2. Rhoda, b. Apr. 6, 1784; d. 1820.

by Abigail,

658. 3. Willard, b. Jan. 6, 1786; d. at sea, Jan. 25, 1805.

659. 4. David, b. June 21, 1788; d. Sept. 1806.
July 13, another account,

*660. 5. REUBEN, b. July 29, 1791.

661. 6. Abigail, b. Aug. 9, 1793; m. Heman Sears, *No. 635.*

*662. 7. PHILANDER, b. Dec. 29, 1795.

*663. 8. THOMAS, b. Dec. 11, 1797.

664. 9. Joanna, b. Oct. 14, 1799; d. Nov. 16, 1800.

*665. 10. ORIN, b. Sept. 9, 1802.

666. 11. Rosanna, b. Brester, May 15, 1805; m. Jan. 5, 1829, Dean Sears, *No. 1317.*

Reuben Sears lived in that part of Harwich, now Brewster, and was chosen Surveyor of Highways in 1786. He was carpenter and builder of salt-works, and was of great assistance to Capt. John Sears in carrying out his invention of salt-pans and covers. He built for another person the house in Brewster in which he afterwards lived; the thumb latch on the front door bears the date of 1770. He is said to have reported at Plymouth, for duty during the Rev. War, "walking the distance, 40 miles, in one day, carrying his gun and equipments, and a bushel of corn in a sack;" was in Capt. Benjamin Berry's Co., on the alarm at Bedford and Falmouth, Sept. 7, 1778, 7 days service, and 112 miles travel.

He was a staunch member of the old church, and when Rev. Mr. Simpkins promulgated his Unitarian doctrines, he demurred, and said, "if that be your doctrine, I worship here no longer," and turning to his children, bade them gather up his books and cushions, and left the church to return no more.

Late in life his daughter Abigail induced him to be baptized by immersion, and he was with others, admitted into fellowship with the church at the water's edge; not understanding the proceeding, he did not consider himself a member at first, and soon after, not liking the doctrines of close fellowship, etc., he left and went to the Methodists.

His death was sudden and unexpected. He had been working in his garden on an Easterly day, and in the evening, complaining of feeling unwell, he had his bed removed into the parlor. His daughter went for some hot water to warm his feet, which he said were cold, but before she returned he was dead.

He was a very estimable man, and his brother, Ebenezer was wont to say, "Reuben is a saint on earth."

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256. Capt. EBENEZER⁵ SEARS, (Willard,⁴ John³, Paul², Richard¹) b. Harwich, Mass., Oct. 11, 1755; d. Yarmouth, Mass., Sept. 17, (20, T.Clk.) 1835, ae. 80 yrs., gr-st.; m. Yar., Feb. 2, 1786, Hannah Gray, dau. of Capt. Joshua & Mary (Hedge) G., who d. Feb. 18, 1817, (Feb. 19, 1816, T. Clk.) ae. 47 yrs., gr-st.

Children in Yarmouth:

667. 1. Ebenezer, b. June 19, 1787; d. Sept. 13, 1788, ae. 14 mos. 24 dys., gr-st.

*668. 2. CHARLES, b. July 31, 1789.

*669. 3. JOSHUA, b. Aug. 20, 1791.

*670. 4. WILLARD, b. Apr. 2, 1794.

671. 5. Susanna, d. May 8, 1797, ae. 5 mos. 5 dys., gr-st.

672. 6. Lucy, b. Mar. 22, 1798; d. May 24, 1872; m. Yar., Mar. 4, 1819, Capt. Isaac Myrick, son of Isaac & Temperance M., of Harwich, he b. Har., Feb. 23, 1792; d. May 3, 1869.

Children, Myrick:

1. Nathaniel, b. July 23, 1820; d. Mar. 17, 1821.

2. Mary Jane, b. Apr. 24, 1822.

3. Lucy Ann, b. Jan. 13, 1837; m. 1869, Winthrop Sears. June 20, 1828; m. Oliver Crocker.

4. Isaac, b. Oct. 13, 1831; d. Dec. 13, 1899; m. June 7, 1877, Bethia W. Cook, dau. of Robert & Mary C., of Phila., Pa.

5. George, b. May 4, 1834; d. Dec. 26, 1877, ae. 42 yrs.; m. 1866, Carrie F. Whitney; he was on the staff of Gen. Foster during the Rebellion, and later of the firm of Hitchcock, Myrick & Co., wholesale grocers in Boston.

Child, Myrick:

1. Whitney, d. Dec. 1, 1882, ae. 11 yrs.

6. Clarissa, b. Jan. 13, 1837; m. 1869, Winthrop Sears.

673. 7. Hannah, b. May 26, 1800; d. Feb. 1884; m. Yar., Oct. 1826, Benjamin Hamblen, who d. 1837.

Children, Hamblen:

1. Joseph E., b. Jan. 13, 1828; d. July 3, 1870, of disease contracted during the war, he was Adjutant of Duryea's Zouaves, 5th N.Y. Vol., Col. of 65th Reg. N.Y. Vols.; and Brevet Maj. Gen.

2. Deborah.

674. 8. Sally, b. May 22, 1803; d. Mar. 17, 1867; m. Yar., Nov. 1824, Edward